

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Todd Shuck, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members Maya Alvey, Sydney Woodward, Lauren Klem and Kami Quiggins were also present.

Council member Josh Prine was absent.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Public Comments**

There were no announcements or public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 4, 2024 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Austin made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-04 Amending and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance**

**24-03** - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones stated she presented this at the last council meeting. She explained it is for the approval of adding the new HR Generalist position line item to the 2024 budget with the salary range of \$55,000.00 to \$68,000.00. Mayor Barnett opened a public hearing. Councilor Shawn Taylor asked when the process of hiring will take place. Clerk Treasurer Jones answered it will start the week after the Eclipse. Attorney Lynn Gray stated this position will be under the Clerk Treasurer's office. Attorney Gray stated that disciplinary actions for all departments are now being handled by the Board of Works. Attorney Gray stated all of these disciplinary actions will move to the new HR Generalist position once hired under the Clerk Treasurer's office. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 24-04, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-05 Additional Appropriation for HR Generalist**

**Position** – Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones stated this is for approval to take from the City's General Fund for the new HR Generalist appropriation. Mayor Barnett opened a public hearing. Mayor Barnett stated hearing none, closed the public hearing. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 24-05, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**New Business**

Council President Austin made a motion to read new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried

**Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-06 Additional Appropriation for Police Vehicle**

**Payment** - Mayor Barnett did state he and Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Jones had a conversation about this. Budgetary Ordinance 24-06 is an additional appropriation needed due to a police officer's traffic accident, which happened last year. Mayor Barnett stated the insurance money received for this was placed in the city's general fund. Mayor Barnett stated we need to appropriate the money from the city's general fund, to the police department fund-400 series, to be able to pay for the damaged police vehicle from the crash in 2022.

**Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports for Approval** - Community Development

Specialist Dana Monson stated this year there are a total of 32 compliance reports. Community Development Specialist Monson said 32 compliance reports were discussed at the Economic Development Commission meeting last Tuesday. The Economic Development Commission reviewed all 32. The Economic Development recommended 29 of them having substantial compliance, be approved at the City Council Meeting tonight. Council Vice President Shawn Taylor stated over all everything has been better from the last 3 or 4 years he has been serving on the Economic Development Commission board. Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated all the 29 were with favorable recommendations. Community Development Specialist Monson read to all Council Members all 29 considered in compliance for record. Community Development Dana Monson stated 3 were found not in compliance: C 2024-15:

GMI 22-21; C2024-52: Dae Chang Seat Company 21-22; C2024-07: Energizer Holdings 19-08. A public hearing will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am for final determination of compliance. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve all 29 yearly tax abatements presented by Community Development Specialist Monson, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Johnson County Public Library 2023 Review** - JCPL Director Lisa Lintner introduced Johnson County Public Library's President Dan Mitchell. Johnson County Public Library Lisa Lintner shared updates with a very informative slide show. Some of the highlights Ms. Lintner presented were, Exciting Learning Programs, such as Paws to Read; Celebrate Dia! Authors at JCPL; Project Prom; Explore Summer at JCPL; Storytime Updated Strategic Plan and Eclipse Education March – April 2024.

**2023 Annual Report of the City of Franklin Development Commission** - Community Development Director Krista Linke presented the 2023 Redevelopment Committee's Annual Report. Community Development Director Linke stated she worked with Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones by using our 2023 Financial Reports and Gateway TIF Management report. Council President Austin thanked Krista and her team for all they do and for the extra effort put in for these reports.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Anne McGuinness also wanted to thank Community Development Director Linke and Community Development Specialist Monson for leading the Redevelopment Commission Board.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Maya Alvey stated they are focusing on their newer events. They are going to be selling water at the Eclipse festival. The MYLC is also working on a beautification project on the Greenway Trail behind Heritage Trails neighborhood fixing fences and improving the greenery by Needham.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 03/22/2024

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer